## **Community Assessment Program Area 20a Report to the Community**

The Community Assessment Program is intended to bring work groups of city employees across department lines into each neighborhood of the city so all neighborhoods are the focus of an information gathering and issue identification effort at least once a year.

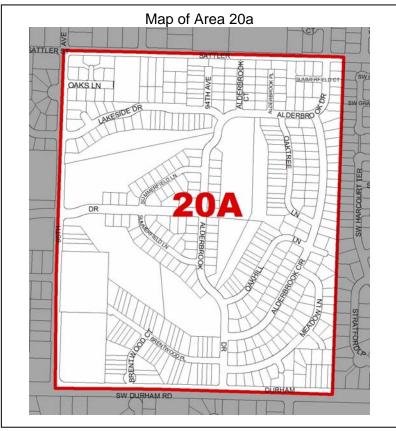
Staff walked this area on August 13, 2003 to conduct a first hand assessment. Corrective actions have been scheduled, assignments made, follow-up is being documented, and this report has been prepared to the community on the area.

This is part of the Summerfield area and is bounded on the north by Sattler Street, on the west by 98<sup>th</sup> Avenue, on the south by Durham Road and on the east by the rear lot lines of the properties adjacent to Alderbrook Circle and Alderbrook Drive Photo of area 20a

Below is a summary of the assessment of your area. Please note where the city or other agency will assume responsibility for follow-up and where private citizens are responsible. Volunteer opportunities are also identified where neighbors could get involved to address issues. Together, we can work to improve our community.

**Kudos** – The walkers were very impressed with the quality of landscaping in this area, as well as the, nice flowers, and well maintained homes and yards. Kudos to everyone in this area for doing such a great job of maintaining their homes and yards!

Trip Hazards on sidewalks – Sidewalk maintenance is the property owner responsibility. There were several areas with cracks, settling, and overgrown vegetation that could pose a trip hazard and could be a potential liability for property owners. Please make sure that your sidewalk remains a safe place for pedestrians. Questions? Contact



Christine Darnell, Code Compliance Specialist, at 503-639-4171 ext. 2441 or <a href="mailto:christine@ci.tigard.or.us">christine@ci.tigard.or.us</a>.

**Clogged catch basins** – The Public Works Department will send a crew out to clear out clogged catch basins where noted. Keeping the catch basins clear is important to insure that rain water is directed where it is designed to go. You can help by not dumping debris of any kind down the storm drain and by calling the Public Works Department if you notice a catch basin that needs to be cleaned out. Questions? contact Eric Hand at 503-639-4171 ext. 2607 or <a href="mailto:eric@ci.tigard.or.us">eric@ci.tigard.or.us</a>.

**Street maintenance** – Several comments were received regarding needed street maintenance to fix potholes, cracks etc. The Public Works Department will assess each location and establish a priority for maintenance. Questions? Contact Howard Gregory at 503-639-4171 ext 2606 or <a href="https://howard@ci.tigard.or.us">howard@ci.tigard.or.us</a>.

**Storm drain stenciling** – Few of the storm drains in the area are stenciled to discourage dumping. The city's volunteer coordinator has added storm drain stenciling in this area to the potential volunteer project list. If you're interested in helping out, contact Susan Koepping, Volunteer Coordinator, at 503-639-4171 ext. 2402 or susank@ci.tigard.or.us.



More ways you can help make our community better –

**If you spot graffiti** contact the police non-emergency number at 503-629-0111 to report the location. An officer will be dispatched to photograph the graffiti for record and the property owner or public agency (if it is on a utility pole, box or transit stop) will be notified.

**Neighborhood Watch** - Are your neighbors watching out for you? Do you know your neighbors? Do you know how and when to call Tigard Police? Start a neighborhood watch program! At some point, your neighborhood may have had an active Neighborhood Watch program working in partnership with the Tigard Police. Over time, many Tigard neighborhoods have evolved with new residents moving in and others moving away. Maybe it is time to take another look at your neighborhood. For more information on how to take a bite out of crime in your neighborhood and at the same time get reacquainted with your neighbors, contact the Tigard Police Crime Prevention Officer at 503-718-2561.

**Help protect our streams** - If you and your neighbors, church group or scout troop would like to help keep our streams clean, help out by volunteering to stencil storm drains. The "dump no waste, drains to stream" message reminds people not to dump soapy water, pesticides or other substances down the storm drains. If you are interested, contact Susan Koepping at 503-639-4171 x 2402 or susank@ci.tigard.or.us.

If you are interested in serving as a community connector for this area, please contact Liz Newton at 503-639-4171 ext. 2412 or <a href="mailto:liz@ci.tigard.or.us">liz@ci.tigard.or.us</a>. The role of the community connector is a two way communicator of information as well as the neighborhood contact in times of emergency.

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